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Oleksandr Plakhotniuk, a lawyer for former Ukrainian Prime Minister and Batkivschyna Party leader Yulia Tymoshenko, has said that over 200 pages have disappeared from the materials of the Russian investigation case. Andrew Kravchenko

## Lawyer says over 200 pages of Tymoshenko case materials 'have disappeared'

Aug 29 at 15:09 | Interfax-Ukraine

Oleksandr Plakhotniuk, a lawyer for former Ukrainian Prime Minister and Batkivschyna Party leader Yulia Tymoshenko, has said that over 200 pages have disappeared from the materials of the Russian investigation case.

"Some 213 pages have disappeared from the case," he said at a session of Kyiv's Pechersky District Court on Monday.

At the same time, Tymoshenko said that this was the second time that the court had referred to additional materials that had previously been at

"We see for the second time that there are no documents in the case, to which we refer. This is evidence that the case has been trumped up," she said.

In response to a statement by the presiding judge, Rodion Kireyev, that lawyers had referred to additional materials, the lawyer said that they were from the 5th to the 14th volume.

The court is currently reading out materials from the 14th volume of the case.

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**Tymoshenko's lawyers fear important documents could be lost in case of Naftogaz reor**

Sep 5 at 10:37 | Interfax-Ukraine

The lawyers of former Ukrainian Premier Yulia Tymoshenko have expressed concern that after the trial of Naftogaz Ukraine, an important document containing the results of the audit of Naftogaz Ukraine's financial activity by the Ernst & Young company could be lost.

"We could lose the only copy of the document," Tymoshenko lawyer Oleksandr Plakhotniuk told reporters on Monday.

"We keep reminding people about it every day. This is a financial report on the audit by the Ernst & Young company, and we insist on it [being attached to the materials of the case]. The defense is trying to attach the audit results to the materials of the case."

The lawyer said the document contains proof that Naftogaz Ukraine did not make a loss in 2009.

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## Tymoshenko: key document that charges are based on wasn't added to case

Batkivshchyna Party leader and former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko believes the court must give a separate assessment to the absence in the case file of the original directive that was issued by her to Naftohaz chairman Oleh Dubyn before talks with Gazprom in 2009, according to the [Official web site of Yulia Tymoshenko](#).

"If the main document around which all negotiations are held and the criminal case is formed isn't an original, then what was the Prosecutor General's Office doing? Why didn't they get the original and add it to the case? I would like the court to give a separate assessment to this," Yulia Tymoshenko said today while testifying.

The ex-premier noted that case file doesn't contain original documents with her personal signature. "I don't rule out that the directives in the case file were forged. It is unprecedented when the main document in a criminal case isn't added to the records," she said.

The court has announced a 10-minute technical break

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Representatives of the French and Austrian embassies in Ukraine are in court following the Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko. [tymoshenko.ua](http://tymoshenko.ua)

**European diplomats attending court hearings on gas case, says Tymoshenko's press service**

Aug 4 at 16:05 | International - Ukraine

Representatives from the embassies of France and Austria in Ukraine were present at a court hearing in the criminal case against former Ukrainian Premier and Leader of the Batkivschyna Party Yulia Tymoshenko, the Pechersky District Court of Kyiv, reads a posting on Tymoshenko's official Web site on Thursday.

"Diplomats accredited in Ukraine attend every court hearing. In particular, last week Human Rights Attaché of the U.S. Embassy Matt Stafford attended the hearing on the gas case," reads the statement.

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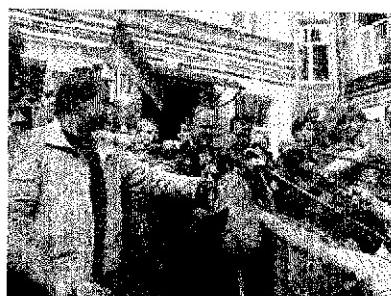
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US Federal Judge Bohdan Futey today called the trial of Yulia Tymoshenko a circus, saying that a trial like this would be impossible in the US.

"From what I saw, and having analyzed what is going on, I think that rule of law in Ukraine is in great danger. Court must be adversarial and that's not the case here," Bohdan Futey told journalists today outside the Pechersk District Court in Kyiv.

Judge Futey said that a similar trial would be impossible in the US and in most European countries where he has participated in trials. He noted that in the US court rules are mandatory for all, but "unfortunately, in the Ukrainian judicial system, particularly in the Pechersk Court, these rules are absent."

In his opinion, the main problem is the failure to implement the Constitution. For example, he pointed to the fact that while the Constitution of Ukraine guarantees trial by jury and relevant laws have been adopted, there is no trial by jury.

He also noted that the Constitution of Ukraine guarantees every citizen the right to health, but the judge is ignoring this right.

In his opinion, the trial of Tymoshenko may undermine public trust in the courts and judicial independence, without which rule of law is impossible. "Rule of law is the cornerstone of democracy, and one of its elements is an independent court," he said.

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A Ukrainian court has satisfied a motion by the prosecutors in the case against the country's former prime minister Yulia Tymoshenko and summoned Energy Minister Yuriy Boiko to testify as witness.

A Ukrainian court has satisfied a motion by the prosecutors in the case against the country's former prime minister Yulia Tymoshenko and summoned Energy Minister Yuriy Boiko to testify as witness.

Tymoshenko was detained on August 5. She is accused of damaging Ukraine's national interests by signing "disadvantageous" gas supply deals with Russia as prime minister in 2009 and faces up to 10 years in prison.

Tymoshenko lawyers have requested that several former members from the cabinet be summoned as witnesses, but this petition was declined.

Currently Ukraine's leading opposition figure, Tymoshenko has denied all the charges against her, saying they are politically motivated.

On Monday, the court once again turned down an appeal from Tymoshenko's lawyers against the court ruling to take her in custody.

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Court decides to force Yuschenko's former envoy Sokolovsky to attend co...



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## Court decides to force Yuschenko's former envoy Sokolovsky to attend court to testify in gas case

Date: 16 August 2011

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Pechersky District Court of Kyiv has ruled that the former presidential representative for international energy security, Bohdan Sokolovsky, should be forced to attend court to testify in the criminal case on gas contracts with Russia against former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko.

According to the court ruling, Sokolovsky will be brought to Pechersky District Court by 0930, on Wednesday, August 17.

As reported, Judge Rodion Kireyev, who is presiding over the trial, suggested that Sokolovsky should be forced to come to court, since he had been repeatedly summoned for questioning but failed to come. On August 10, the former presidential envoy on international energy security, Bohdan Sokolovsky, asked Pechersky District Court not to question him as a witness in gas case until September 1, since he could not appear in court for health reasons.

Tymoshenko and her lawyers opposed the forced attendance of Sokolovsky in court, while the prosecution didn't object to it.

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Third Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko

## **Yushchenko, Sokolovsky arrive in court**

Aug 17 at 10:13 | Interfax-Ukraine

Third Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko and his former representative for international energy Oleksandr Sokolovsky have arrived at the Pechersky District Court of Kyiv to testify in the case on charges former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko regarding the abuse of office while signing gas supply contract with Russia in 2009.

On Tuesday, the court ruled to bring Sokolovsky to the courtroom by force, and another summons was sent to Yushchenko.

An Interfax-Ukraine reporter said that the defendant was present in the courtroom.

Tymoshenko's lawyer Oleksandr Pla

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Il her daughter, Yevhenia Carr, are also present in the courtroom. Tymo

About 100 supporters and 50 opponents of Tymoshenko are continuing to hold rallies on Khreschatyk Street.

A few dozen journalists stay in the courtyard.

Journalists have learned that Tymoshenko had been brought to court at around 0800.

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## Tymoshenko: Authorities hid the key expert in hospital

Judge Rodion Kireyev has denied the defense's request to question Yuriy Maslak, the expert of the Kyiv Forensic Research Institute that headed the commission that prepared the legal and expert findings of the damages allegedly caused by former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko as a result of the signing of gas contracts with Russia in 2009.

"This expert evaluation was done on orders from the prosecutor's office and today they are hiding Yuriy Maslak in a hospital so that he can't testify in court," Yulia Tymoshenko said, demanding that the expert be summoned to testify.

According to the ex-premier, the defense has information that the health of Mr. Maslak allows him to testify in court. "According to our information, Yuriy Maslak is hiding in order not to testify under oath. The prosecutor's office and court are covering up for Yuriy Maslak, who is pretending to be ill to avoid responsibility for this assessment," she said, according to [Tymoshenko's official website](#).

In announcing the petition, the defense insisted on questioning other witnesses that were involved in preparing this expert opinion. "We insist that the court summon all the other experts involved in this evaluation, which wasn't based on accounting documents and mistakenly calculated losses," said Yulia Tymoshenko.

The ex-premier emphasized that the expert assessment was impartial and not based on accounting records, and therefore can't be taken into consideration by the court in this case. "If other experts aren't summoned this will prove that the court is covering up the truth in this case and is trying to violate our rights, that it is trying to tailor this trial to the ordered verdict," said Yulia Tymoshenko.

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After announcing the decision not to question Yuriy Maslak, the judge said that all other applications by the defense regarding ordering additional expert opinions, questioning experts and witnesses “repeat motions filed earlier, which were already considered by the court.”

Given that the judge changed the order of the trial, Judge Rodion Kireyev proposed that Yulia Tymoshenko testify next. “We request a 30-minute break to allow the defense to prepare for this answer, given that the court has changed the order of examination of evidence,” said Mykola Siryi.

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Oleksandr Pla

refuses to attach proof of her innocence to case

## Tymoshenko lawyer says court refuses to attach proof of her innocence to case

Sep 1 at 17:53 | Интерфакс

Former Ukrainian Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko's defense team is outraged by the fact that it declined its motion on attaching documents proving, in their view, her innocence in the case dealing with Ukrainian-Russian gas supply agreements.

"The defense team has filed a motion on calling for certain documents and attaching them to the case," Oleksandr Plakhotniuk told journalists on Thursday outside the Pechersky District Court building, where Tymoshenko's trial is continuing.

"You know, I can't understand why the prosecutors have been protesting so vigorously against attaching these documents to the case," he said.

The prosecutors might "fear" the contents of these documents, because they prove Tymoshenko's innocence, Pla

"The process is equal and just, why protest? The court should call for these documents and attach them to the criminal case. Very often, the court attaches documents to the criminal case. We will file a motion to attach these documents to the criminal case. They will examine them, and the prosecutors will examine them, and then we can assess these documents realistically. And the court will have the chance not only to assess the documents the prosecutors gathered during the pretrial investigation, but also those the defense sees as proofs of Tymoshenko's innocence," Plakhotniuk said.

The Ukrainian Prosecutor General's Office has accused Tymoshenko of abuse of office in concluding the gas contracts with Russia in 2009, which caused damages exceeding 1.5 billion hryvnia to the state. The court started hearing the gas case on June 24. Tymoshenko was arrested at a court hearing on August 5.

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The trial of Ukrainian ex-Premier Yulia Tymoshenko on Thursday started with the consideration the state prosecution and Tymoshenko's defense. AP

## Kireyev refuses to let TV broadcasting of gas case trial resume

Sep 8 at 11:30

The trial of Ukrainian ex-Premier Yulia Tymoshenko on Thursday started with the consideration the state prosecution and Tymoshenko's defense.

Prosecutor Oleksandr Mykytenko filed several petitions on attaching new evidence to the materials of the gas case; copies of the instruction on criminal case against Tymoshenko in Russia in 2005

a reference from NJSC Naftogaz Ukraine dated 2009 on the volumes of technical gas, a CD with videos of Tymoshenko's statements about the gas reserves in Ukraine in early 2009, and several articles from the media about actions of Ukraine's third President Viktor Yuschenko to resolve

In addition, the prosecution asked the judge to attach to the gas case a document with the results of an audit at Naftogaz Ukraine carried out by International Audit Company. Earlier, Tymoshenko's defense filed the same petition several times. The state prosecution also insisted on attaching a license on forensic economical examination.

Tymoshenko lawyer Yury Sukhov at the beginning of the hearing asked the court to consider the possibility of resuming TV broadcasting of the media to the hearings. Judge Rodion Kireyev refused to consider the petition.

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Rodion Kireyev ordered that Yulia Tymoshenko be removed from the courtroom on Friday. tyt

## Tymoshenko expelled from courtroom for one sitting

Jul 15 at 11:14 | Kyiv Post

Chair judge of Pechersk District Court of Kyiv Rodion Kireyev ordered that Ukraine's former PM Yulia Tymoshenko, the defendant in a gas supply case, be removed from the courtroom on Friday.

Tymoshenko was removed from the courtroom for one sitting, her official [website reports](#). It took the judge persuaded Tymoshenko to stand up and make a statement.

"Her behavior demonstrates contempt of court," Kireyev said.

"Your actions are aimed at delaying the trial and violate the norms of the Criminal Procedure Code," the judge said.

Bickering between the judge and the defendant over the need to stand up in court continued for almost an hour and a half after Pechersky District's sitting on Friday. Tymoshenko flatly refused to stand up in court.

Tymoshenko made another request today to dismiss Kireyev from her case.

"I want to call for the disqualification of the presiding judge for unlawful acts, based on article 54 of the Criminal Procedure Code," Tymoshenko said during today's court hearing.

She once again stated that her rights and fundamental freedoms are being violated by the court.

"I'm not being given the opportunity to defend myself, express my position, or apply the norms of the Constitution. I can't do that."

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**19.03.** Ukraine's Former Prime Minister and leader of Batkivschyna Party Yulia Tymoshenko is outraged at the actions of Judge Rodion Kireyev, who ordered her removed from the courtroom for contempt of court on Friday.

"I have the right to protest, in all ways that are not directly forbidden by law. And my protest is not to stand up before a biased court, which executes the illegal orders of Ukraine's president and is doing away with me," she told reporters after leaving the building of Pechersky District Court.

Tymoshenko also said that Judge Kireyev was violating the constitution and laws of Ukraine.

"The judge's actions are unprecedented, he has now started considering the case without me, while violating Article 262 of the Criminal Procedure Code, according to which my presence in the courtroom is obligatory," he said.

The ex-premier also said that she wouldn't stop protesting and that after being expelled from the court she will go to her party's office.

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President of the European Council Herman Van Rompuy has said that the European Union is concerned about the politicization of the Ukrainian courts.

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The Ukrainian Green Party will participate in the parliamentary elections in 2012.

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The Ukrainian Prosecutor General's Office has filed an appeal contesting the decision made by Kyiv's Pechersky District Court, which reversed the decision to open a criminal case against ex-president Leonid Kuchma, who was charged in the killing of journalist Georgy Gongadze, Prosecutor General's Office spokesman Yuriy Bolchenko told Interfax-Ukraine on Monday.

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A meeting between Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovych, President of the European Council Herman Van Rompuy and European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso has started in Kyiv.

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# Ukraine's Tymoshenko Ordered Out Of Courtroom

A judge has barred Ukrainian opposition leader Yulia Tymoshenko and her defense team from attending her trial over what the judge said was her "disrespectful" attitude toward the court.

The decision came after a heated courtroom exchange with the former prime minister, who has been refusing to stand up in the judge's presence since her trial for abuse of power began in June.

Tymoshenko will be allowed to attend the next hearing, but television crews have been barred from broadcasting witness testimony in the trial.

The trial has opened on June 24 and Tymoshenko has frequently accused the judge of being in the pay of President Viktor Yanukovych, her former rival for Ukraine's presidency.

Tymoshenko is accused of abuse of power over a contract she signed with Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin after a brief interruption of gas deliveries from Russia in early 2009.

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Attorney Oleksiy Bahanets announces petition in the hall of Pechersk district court of Kyiv. nsos.

## Lutsenko removed from courtroom because of misconduct

Jul 14 at 11:49 | Kyiv Post

The Pechersky District Court of Kyiv has decided to remove former Interior Minister Yuriy Lutsenko from the courtroom for one day, Our Ukraine-People's Self-Defense MP Oles Doniy has said.

"The judge decided to remove Yuriy Lutsenko from the courtroom for one meeting," he told journalists Thursday.

The court took the decision as Lutsenko had made improper statements with respect to the court? reads [NSO.org.ua](http://NSO.org.ua).

Journalists were not allowed to attend today's court session.

Lutsenko believes that the Pechersky District Court of Kyiv is violating his constitutional rights.

-People's Self-Defense MP Oles I

"According to Lutsenko, he was denied his constitutional rights," he added.

ll journalists," Doniy said.

Doniy said that the court had rejected Lutsenko's petition to call the jury to account and change the measure of restraint against him.

He noted that the court had also refused to allow MP Hennadiy Moskal to speak.

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Doniy said that the court had rejected Lutsenko's petition to invite all of the witnesses for the defense to a court meeting.

He said that the court had also refused to change the presiding judge and close criminal proceedings because of unfounded charges.

The court ignored Lutsenko's request to send the criminal case for further investigation and refused to make the trial public, he added.

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Yuriy Lutsenko and Vyacheslav

lenko in Pechersky District Court of Kyiv nso.org.ua

## Court bans photo-, video-, audio-recording of Lutsenko trial until verdict given

Jul 14 at 11:40 | Kyiv Post

The Pechersky District Court of Kyiv has banned the photo-, video- a

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contained secret information, according to NSO.org.ua a Interfax.

Lutsenko and his driver Leonid Prystupliuk were charged with the misappropriation of Hr 360,000 in state property and fraud on Dec. 13, 2010. He was also charged with abuse of office.

The former interior minister, who is currently being held in a detention facility, was detained near his home on Dec. 26, 2010.

On Dec. 27, a court ordered his arrest on the grounds that he had been dodging questioning in violation of his written pledge not to leave Kyiv.

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Former Ukrainian Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko, right, consults with her lawyer during a pre-trial hearing at the Pecherskiy District Court in Kiev, Ukraine's former prime minister, Yulia Tymoshenko, went on trial Friday in a case that has divided the West over the government's commitment to democracy and the rule of law. Tymoshenko, no longer a leader, has been charged with abuse of office in signing a deal with Moscow to buy Russian natural gas at prices investigators said were too high. She denies the charges, and describes them as a political plot by President Viktor Yanukovych, to keep her out of upcoming parliamentary and presidential elections.

## Tymoshenko faces abuse-of-office trial (updated)

By JONATHAN SAWLEY | Associated Press

Ukraine's former prime minister Yulia Tymoshenko went on trial Friday on charges of abuse of office, insisting during a chaotic hearing in a small courtroom that the case is a plot by the nation's president to keep her out of politics.

Tymoshenko, 50, clad in a beige suit with her signature blond braid wrapped around her head, said President Viktor Yanukovych is seeking to disqualify her from upcoming parliamentary and presidential elections as a convicted felon.

But the 2004 Orange Revolution heroine, now the country's top opposition leader, said she would not be quiet: "My voice will be even louder because the whole world will hear me."

Confusion reigned in the cramped, poorly air-conditioned courtroom. Tymoshenko's supporters continuously disrupted proceedings, ignoring efforts to respect the court.

They shouted "Shame, shame!" through a loudspeaker, and insulted the court and authorities, including calling one of the prosecutors a witch. Cries of water to twice douse a pro-government lawmaker, a fierce opponent of Tymoshenko who came to support the prosecution, then insisted it was Tymoshenko's supporters who scuffled briefly with a small group of Tymoshenko's opponents who were forced out of the room.

More than 100 journalists, supporters and opponents packed the hall in Kiev's Pechersk district court. Most attendees had to climb on top of benches to see and hear the proceedings and took turns standing near a window for fresh air. Sweat dripped from Judge Rodion Kireyev's face and wet his shirt.

Tymoshenko's lawyer, Serhiy Vlasov, pleaded with the court for a short break to change into a new shirt because his was soaking wet. A young man in the courtroom briefly fainted and was escorted out.

The United States and the European Union have condemned the cases against Tymoshenko and a number of her top allies as selective prosecutions of political opponents.

"When the senior leadership of an opposition party is the focus of prosecutions out of proportion with other political figures, this does create the impression of political motive," U.S. State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland said.

Jose Manuel Pinto Teixeira, the EU's ambassador to Ukraine, who attended the trial together with a group of other foreign diplomats, said the courtroom were horrendous. "I cannot give a political assessment of this case, but the conditions of this trial are inhumane," Teixeira told reporters outside.

Tymoshenko has been charged with abuse of office for signing a deal with Moscow in 2009 to buy Russian natural gas at prices investigators say she exceeded without authorization to sign the deal by the members of her Cabinet. Prosecutors say her actions have cost the government 3.5 billion hryvnias (or euro310 million) in damages.

Tymoshenko denies the charges, saying that she didn't need such permission as the premier and that the deal ended a bitter pricing war with Moscow that disrupted natural gas supply across Europe.

Tymoshenko, who carried an Orthodox Christian icon and a prayer book into the courtroom, refused to stand up when addressing the judge, saying the court was not worthy of her respect.

"I declare you a puppet of the presidential office," Tymoshenko told the judge. "You don't have the right to consider this case. You are fully integrated into the system of political repression directed by authorities."

Tymoshenko was the central figure in the 2004 mass protests dubbed the Orange Revolution that threw out Yanukovych's fraud-tainted government.

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endless bickering in the Orange camp and she lost to Kremlin-friendly Yanukovych in the 2010 presidential election.

Many Tymoshenko allies also have faced official charges recently, which she describes as part of the government's efforts to weaken the oppo-

Her former economics minister, who faced corruption allegations over the reconstruction of Kiev's airport, was granted political asylum in the C  
January. The former interior minister has been in jail for six months on charges that he defrauded the government when he hired a driver who w  
him illegal bonuses.

David J. Kramer, executive director of the Washington-based democracy watchdog Freedom House, said the case against Tymoshenko "sug  
by the Prosecutor General's office to find something, anything to go after her."

"They don't seem to be taking ... as aggressive an approach to others, including current government officials," he told The Associated Press.

Few think that Tymoshenko could be sentenced to prison, but observers say a suspended sentence would also keep her out of the next year's  
elections and the 2015 presidential vote.

"I think that it is aimed to make politics devoid of competition, as Yanukovych wants, to liquidate the opposition, to liquidate any dissent," Tym  
reporters during a break in the court session.

The court rejected several motions by Tymoshenko's defense team, including to dismiss the judge and send the case back to the prosecutors. T  
requested to be tried by a jury; the court has yet to rule on that plea.

The trial will continue Saturday.

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Yulia Tymoshenko's supporters say they fear she could get infected with tuberculosis in jail, as prisoners diagnosed with tuberculosis are kept in a medical units near her.

## Tymoshenko's team fear she could get tuberculosis in jail

Sep 19 at 14:57 | Interfax-Ukraine

Supporters of Ukrainian ex-Premier Yulia Tymoshenko say they fear she could get infected with tuberculosis as prisoners diagnosed with tuberculosis are kept in a medical units near her.

"On Friday we found out that practically behind the wall of Yulia Volodymyrivna's cell there is a trial center, in which people in the infectious phase of tuberculosis are kept," Tymoshenko's former lawyer Serhiy Vlasenko said at a briefing on Friday.

"This seriously endangers the life and health of Yulia Tymoshenko, as she is weak due to a disease and staying in the cell," he said.

When asked about the health condition of the former premier, Vlasenko said, "I did not notice any significant improvement in her health on Friday."

According to the lawyer, Tymoshenko has a fever. At the same time, he did not say what she was suffering from, saying that he was not a doctor.

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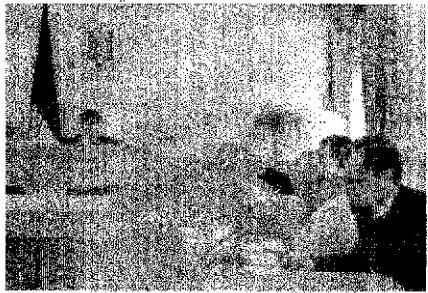
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In this photo made available by Tymoshenko's Press Service and taken on a mobile phone Ukra Minister Yulia Tymoshenko speaks to Rodion Kireyev, left, the judge of the Pechersky District court room in Kyiv on Aug. 22. Judge Kireyev on Monday again denied Ukrainian former Prime Tymoshenko's request to call her personal physician to examine her. AP

## Ukraine's ombudsman confirms Tymoshenko's illness

Sep 17 at 17:00 | Interfax-Ukraine

Ukrainian Human Rights Commissioner Nina Karpachova has confirmed that former Prime Mini Tymoshenko is indeed sick and that she is being held in the same conditions as other inmates at the Lukyanivsky pretrial detention center.

"I met with Ms. Yulia Tymoshenko yesterday. It is true that she is ill now," Karpachova said at a press conference in Kyiv on Friday.

Tymoshenko is experiencing "throat problems and can hardly speak," Karpachova said. In addition, she said it was obvious that "she has a fev

Tymoshenko is sharing a cell with three other women. "All the bunks are occupied, some of the women being in transit [placed there briefly on prison to another]," she said.

The cell in which Tymoshenko is being held is about 12-14 square meters in size with quite a big bathroom, Karpachova said. "There is little fr This cell was earlier used as a utility room," she said.

Hence, the conditions in which Tymoshenko is being held "are not luxurious, because all the bunks there are occupied," although there is a fridg the cell, "which is not prohibited."

Karpachova said her meeting with Tymoshenko lasted for more than an hour and a half. "We had a serious conversation on problems of inmate trying to insist that her arrest was unlawful," she said.

Karpachova said the ex-premier had asked her to inform not only the political leadership but also the public about this.

The human rights commissioner said she again asked Justice Rodion Kireyev presiding at Tymoshenko's trial to allow Tymoshenko's doctor to

"She [Tymoshenko] yesterday once again signed a paper confirming her refusal to be examined by Health Ministry officials," Karpachova said.

Tymoshenko is insisting on being examined and treated by her personal doctor, Karpachova said. "She is entitled to medical examination but h of this right," she said.

Karpachova also pointed to a low level of medical services at the Lukyanivsky detention center. In particular, 47 inmates suffering from active currently held at the infirmary, she said. Since the detention center is overcrowded, some inmates have to receive medical aid right in the cells, s

"This directly threatens not only the inmates' but also the detention center personnel's health," she said.

Karpachova suggested that the Lukyanivsky detention center is overcrowded as the law enforcement officials and judges overuse arrest as a p measure. While the facility is designed for 2,850 inmates, 3,800 are actually being held there now, she said.

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## U.S. supports Senator McCain, EPP leader Martens' call for release of Tymoshenko

*The United States on Tuesday threw its weight behind a call by the U.S. Senator John McCain (R-AZ) joined European People's Party (EPP) President Wilfried Martens urging Ukrainian authorities to release former Prime Minister and political opposition leader Yulia Tymoshenko on bail:*

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lease former Prime Minister and political opposition leader Yulia Tymoshenko on bail.

Answering a question at the briefing, Victoria Nuland, the State Department spokesperson told journalists, "We have concerns," adding, "We want to ensure that it is not politically motivated."

Earlier Senator McCain and EPP President Martens in a statement called on, "the (Ukrainian) authorities to release on bail Yulia Tymoshenko. We expect that her bail conditions will be on par with the bail standards of countries of the European Union, which Ukraine seeks to be associated with."

The duo also urged the authorities, "to allow Yulia Tymoshenko to exercise her constitutional right to be examined by a doctor of her choice."

In the statement the two conservative leaders said, "Ukraine has just celebrated twenty years since its independence from Soviet rule. During these years, the Ukrainian people have been working hard to consolidate democratic freedoms and to anchor their country in Euro-Atlantic structures."

Citing "Ukraine's membership and current chairmanship of the Council of Europe -- the pan-European institution that promotes human rights, democratic development, and the rule of law," as "a great achievement of the Ukrainian nation," the two leaders noted, "Yet, today we are witnessing certain practices from the Ukrainian authorities that are reminiscent of pre-independence rule."

"The current trial of former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko and the judicial practices surrounding this trial, is increasingly seen as selective prosecution of members of the opposition in Ukraine," McCain and Martens said in their statement.

Tymoshenko was arrested for contempt of court on August 5 in her ongoing trial on charges of abuse of power. Tymoshenko and her supporters say the trial is a vendetta pursued by political rival President Viktor Yanukovych.